

REMARKS

Claims 1-76 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 77-97 have been added and are pending.

The claims have been amended, without prejudice, to reduce the claims fees.

A copy of the Notice dated May 5, 2004, is attached.

The requisite Declaration and filing fees are attached.

Acknowledgement of receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents filed December 23, 2003, is requested.

Acknowledgement of the applicants claims for domestic priority is requested.

Return of an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 Form filed December 23, 2003, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

Attached is a copy of the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed May 28, 2004. The Office is again requested to issue a Corrected Filing Receipt as the specification, as filed states on page 1, in the first paragraph, that the "present application is a continuation-in-part of applications [plural] PCT/GB02/02668 filed May 30, 2002 and designating the US, and Serial No. 10/221,036, filed April 2, 2002....". Emphasis added. The specification provides therefore the relationship between the present application and the related application Serial No. 10/221,036, which appear to be the allegedly missing data in attached Response. The Office is requested to advise the undersigned, with particularity, if anything further is required in this regard.

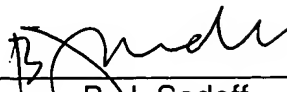
An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

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